

ABSTRACT

A method of manufacturing contact sheets is provided, including the steps of providing an electrically conductive sheet to form a conductive member. The conductive member includes a plurality of adjacent contact members joined by a plurality of linking portions. At least one base sheet is provided having a plurality of openings formed therein. The conductive member is positioned and secured to at least one surface of the base sheet such the contact members are positioned in the openings. The contact members are processed to (i) sever the linking portions from adjacent contact members and (ii) to form extending contact portions having a predetermined configuration. The position of the linking portions prior to severing is such that opposing severed faces of the linking portions are separated from each other and the contact members are electrically insulated from one another.